



**Laval Senior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

Present:

Sean Biard, Jennifer Charbonneau, Peter Ferentinos, Joseph Fitzmorris, Jenny Georgiopoulos, Evan Goudis, Maxime Grève, Minas Kokinos, Karine Mainguy, Nina Rodrigues, Domenica Tortorici, Patrizia Zichella

Substitute Parent Representative: -

Absent with Regret: Marc Mikhael, Katerina Stavriadis

Student Council: Hareem Nawaz and Gali Mardirossian

Community Representative: -

Guests : -

Principal : Serge-Édouard Jeanniton Vice-Principals : Daphney Bernavil, Aline Khozozian

Recording Secretary: Demetra Papazafiroopoulos

1.0 Welcome/Verification of Quorum/Confirmation of Substitute/Welcoming of Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Jenny Georgiopoulos. Quorum Reached.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda:

The following additions were made to the agenda:

6.5 Enumeration of Secretary

7.1 Student Council Report and 7.6- Treasurer Report (added, which changed the headings to: 7.2- Principal Report; 7.3- Chairperson Report; 7.4- Parents' Committee Delegate Report; 7.5- Home and School Report)

9.1- Calendar of Events

9.2- Status of Library

9.3- Elongation of Exam Period

LSA-GB181125-01: Domenica Tortorici motioned for the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board to adopt the agenda, seconded by Joseph Fitzmorris. Unanimous. Motion carried.



3.0 Land Acknowledgement:

The Acknowledgement of the Land was read by Joseph Fitzsmorris.

“We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is traditional territory of the Kanien’keha:ka or Mohawk Nation. The Mohawk Nation is also known as the ‘Eastern Door Keepers’ and are a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, which also includes the Seneca, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga, and Oneida Peoples. All those who gather here are counted as esteemed stakeholders in our community and most importantly friends.”

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of October 16, 2025:

The Governing Board recognizes that non-voting members (such as administrators) cannot nominate. Despite this, Mr. Jeanniton’s nomination of Alexandra Papadopoulos for secretary had not been opposed at the last meeting.

LSA-GB181125-02: Nina Rodrigues motioned for the LSA Governing Board to adopt the revised minutes of October 16, 2025, seconded by: Maxime Grève. 11 in favour, and 4 abstentions. Motion carried.

5.0 Questions from the Public:

Since Evan Goudis was a member of the public at last month’s meeting, he asked if it would be feasible for the guests to sit at the table with the members since it is difficult to hear at the other tables. He suggested a small sign to identify the guests. It was decided that non-voting members and guests could sit at the table with the members, as long as seating is available. Priority will go to the voting members.

6.0 Business Arising:

6.1: Election of Community Representative: Serge-Édouard Jeanniton had not reached out to the community since the last meeting.

6.2: Review and Adoption Internal Rules and Procedures: The updated Internal Rules and Procedures will be presented at next month’s meeting for approval.

6.3: E-votes since last GB Meeting:

6.3.1: Rental Alexia Torcha for the use of LSAC-217 room Zumba:

LSA-GB181125-03 Sean Biard motioned to approve the rental of room C-217 to Alexia Torcha for Zumba activities at the cost of \$316.18 between October 2, 2025, to December 18, 2025. Seconded by: Domenica Tortorici. All in favour. Motion carried.

6.3.2: Home and School Poinsettia Fundraiser:

LSA-GB181125-04 Nina Rodrigues motioned to approve the poinsettia fundraiser by Home and School November 10, 2025 to November 18, 2025 at a cost of \$16.00/6” and \$27.00/8” Seconded by Jennifer Charbonneau. 12 in favour Motion carried.



6.3.3: Change of Date- Euro Trip:

LSA-GB181125-04 Demetra Papazafropoulos motioned to approve the date changes of the Euro trip to April 3, 2026 to April 13, 2026. Seconded by: Jennifer Charbonneau. 8 in favour, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

6.3.4: Outing Real World:

LSA-GB181125-05 Demetra Papazafropoulos motioned to approve the “Out in the Real World Day” outing. Seconded by: Jennifer Charbonneau. All in favour. Motion carried.

6.3.5: Music Field Trip:

LSA-GB181125-06 Demetra Papazafropoulos motioned to approve the Music concentration students to perform at the Quebec Band Association Music Festival on April 17, 2025. Seconded by: Jennifer Charbonneau. 9 in favour. 1 abstention. Motion carried.

6.4 Deeds of Establishment:

The following changes need to be made:

Under “Use of Premises”:

- second bullet: only one room is needed for CSSS- A106B (remove A106, A106C and A101)
- third bullet: Remove completely (rooms are no longer reserved for students with special needs)
- fourth bullet: The Community Learning Center occupies 1 room, not 2, as stated.

LSA-GB181125-07 Evan Goudis motioned to approve the Deeds of Establishment with the above changes. Seconded by: Joseph Fitzmorris. All in favour. Motion carried.

6.5 Remuneration of Secretary:

The rate for the remuneration of the GB secretary was increased to \$70.00 last year. Therefore, it was suggested to keep the same rate for the 2025-2026 school year.

LSA-GB181125-08: Sean Biard motioned to approve the rate of remuneration for GB Secretary at \$70.00. Seconded by: Jennifer Charbonneau. 12 in favour. 1 abstention. Motion carried.

7.0 Reports:

7.1 Student Council Report: (Presented by Hareem Nawaz and Gali Mardirossian)

- School had a Halloween Dress-down Day to boost school spirit.

- Bake sale raised \$142.50

- Loot bag sale raised \$160.00

Proposed Activities (To be determined)

-To honour “Movember”, student council will be handing out free mustache stickers. There will be a trivia competition.

- November 20- Blue Dress-down Day for Movember

- AGAPE drive: The grade that collects the most items will win. The prize is hot chocolate.

- Dec. 8-12: Holiday Spirit Week (ex: Pyjama Day, Ugly Sweater Day, Santa vs. Elves, etc.)

- Loot Bag Sale (Dec. 8-12) \$2.00. Distribution on Friday, December 12.

- Winter Formal (dance) at Le Château Royal in January.



- Proposed Senior Events:- sleepover and senior breakfast, senior trips (ice-skating), “senior sunset”, nature walks, trampoline park.
- asking art, science, phys. ed. coaches to help build school spirit.

7.2 Principal: (Presented by Serge-Édouard Jeanniton)

- Report cards to go out by the end of this week (November 21)
- Exams in December
- Effort to promote our school. Asking for photos to display.
- There were 2 tournaments over the weekend. (soccer/futsal and volleyball)
- Laval Senior Academy ranked 3rd in Laval, with a rating of 5.6.

Question asked by Peter Ferentinos: What initiative does the school have and are best practices put in place? Response: We are a financially disadvantaged school. Private schools offer assistive technology to all their students. Here, it’s on a needs basis. LSA is a category 4 school, so it is not funded as much as a category 9 school. (more disadvantaged) It is also an Anglophone school in a French community/province. A student-life Coordinator was obtained by using a grant.

A discussion followed regarding the history of the building’s plans. LSA was supposed to be torn down; therefore, money was not invested. Realizing that a new construction would be very expensive, maintaining the building was seen as being more cost-effective.

Mr. James Di Sano will be asked to attend our Governing Board meeting to address our concerns. We should also note that there are many things that are going well in the school. Students are proud to come here and are participating in student-life activities. The school’s reputation has shifted, and it is more positive now.

Perhaps Home and School can contribute to raising money for technology. Home and School replied that the initiative to raise funds for the Breezeway was created before they knew about the technological needs. Moving forward, money will be allocated to technology. It is important to note that the Breezeway Project is in collaboration with Public Health and in order to raise funds, the school needs to raise 10% of the cost of the project. (\$30,000.00, for a \$300,000.00 construction)

At 8:08 PM, Student Council Members left the meeting.

7.3 Chairperson: (Presented by Jenny Georgiopoulos)

- Attended volleyball tournament (juvenile and cadets)
- Suggested that a parent newsletter be sent out to the community to promote the other sports teams that do not get as much attention.

7.4 Parents’ Committee Delegate:

- No report.
- Deeds of Establishment is due November 25. 2025.
(see 6.4 regarding changes and the resolution number)



7.5 Home and School Association: (Presented by Jennifer Charbonneau)

- Comedy Night: 83 tickets sold. \$2905.00 raised. After paying comedians, \$1405.00 left. Also received donations (\$297.00)
- Candy sale: \$926.00 raised.
- Zumba 64 tickets, with 7 trainers, held in the cafeteria. Raised \$1255.74.
- Poinsettia: 37 sold. Pick-up will be at the Holiday market on Saturday, November 22 to encourage people to come to the market.
- 51 tables are booked, with 47 vendors for November 22.
- Asking Patrizia Zichella to send an email to ask for volunteers for set-up.

7.6 Treasurer Report:

- No report by Treasurer.

There is a \$1491.00 budget. After payment to the secretary, there is \$791.00 left. This money could be used to buy food for the members, Suggestion was made to buy a bigger, quality meal, as opposed to finger foods/carb-loaded.

8.0 New Business:

8.1 Field Trips: New York Sports Trip, proposed by Mr. Liu for the Secondary 5 students. Students will attend a MLB game (N.Y. Mets) and an MLS game (N.Y. Red Bulls), along with guided tours and sight-seeing. Transportation: coach bus. Dates: Departure on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 9:45 AM. Arrival Monday, April 27, 2026 at 9:00 PM. (Floating Ped. Day) 48 students and 6 teachers. (Ratio: 1:8) Cost: \$899.00

LSA-GB181125-09 Peter Ferentinos motioned to approve the field to New York City April 24-April 27 2026.
Seconded by: Sean Biard. 12 in favour 3 abstentions Motion carried.

8.2 Fundraisers:

- An LSA student approached school administration with an initiative to raise funds for humanitarian aide to three places: Palestine, Sudan and Congo. The student is planning to sell homemade treats that will be sold for \$1.50-\$3.00 at the D Wing, in front of the gymnasium at lunch time. (Between 1:20PM and 2:00 PM). Proposed dates: November 24 or December 1. Money raised will go to UNICEF.

A school needs to remain neutral and not side with a particular country. It was suggested that the money be raised for UNICEF only, and not to specific countries, to maintain political neutrality.

LSA-GB181125-10 Evan Goudis motioned to approve the bake sale fundraiser for UNICEF. Seconded by:
Maxime Grève. All in favour. Unanimous. Motion carried.

8.3 Rentals:

- 1) Armenian Play held November 15 & 16. Cost: \$3,889.00
- 2) Ms. Toula Asdaridis rented Room C217 for a Gender Reveal Party at a cost of \$86.23.



LSA-GB181125-011 Nina Rodrigues motioned to approve the rentals for the Armenian play and gender reveal party. Seconded by: Patrizia Zichella. All in favour. Unanimous. Motion carried.

9.0 Varia:

9.1 Calendar of Events:

Mr. Kokinos would like to see a calendar of events that include all the activities that are taking place each month. It could be a live document that is available to staff and parents. This will be made accessible on the school website.

9.2 Status of Library:

Mr. Goudis asked what the library status is and if it was accessible to students. The response was that the position of documentation technician was not filled. The position was changed to office agent, as a special project. Mr. Jeanniton will be interviewing 5 candidates for the job.

At 8:58 PM, a motion was needed to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes to 9:13 PM.

LSA-GB211025-12 Karine Mainguy motioned for the LSA Governing Board to approve extending the meeting an additional 15 minutes to 9:13 PM, seconded by Domenica Tortorici. Unanimous. Motion carried.

9.3 Elongation of Exam Period:

Mr. Goudis inquired about the length of the exam period (over 5 weeks) and why it was not communicated earlier to parents, in case advanced travel arrangements have been made. Ms. Bernavil responded that the duration of the exam period has always been this long (ex: science labs) however, the information was sent out to inform parents so that they can prepare accordingly. As stated in the school's Code of Conduct, "all vacations should be planned based on the school calendar".

10.0 Question Period from the Public:

- none

11.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of Next GB Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 16, 2025.**

12.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

LSA-GB211025-13: Minas Kokinos motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM, Seconded by: Peter Ferentinos. Unanimous. Motion carried

Jenny Georgiopoulos
LSA Chairperson

Demetra Papazafirooulos
LSA Secretary

